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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5974**
Hidenobu YAKU et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1763A
Serial No. 10/727,664 : Group Art Unit 1634
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METHOD, PRIMER AND KIT FOR : **Mail Stop: RCE**
DETERMINING BASE TYPE

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 6, 2006, and in further response to the final Office dated September 25, 2006, Applicants herein provide the following and remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), requesting entry amendments filed in the after final response of November 17, 2006, accompanies this response.

In the continuation of item 3 on page 2 of the Advisory Action, the Examiner acknowledge that certified copies of the foreign priority documents have been submitted and that all references submitted in the IDS have been considered, including reference AK and AH.. To ensure that such information is accurately reflected on the face of any patent to issue from this application, kindly check item 12(a)1 on the Office Action Summary in the next Office Action. Also, please return an Examiner-initialed PTO-1449 form acknowledging that all references have been officially considered. This is necessary to ensure that cited references will be appropriately listed on the face of any patent to issue from this application.

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